

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: E. Michael Farmstead Inventory Number: F-1-144

Address: 21100 Pleasant View Road City: Adamstown Zip Code: 21710

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Buckeystown

Owner: Michael Family, L.C. 14858 Neer Lane, Purcellville, VA 20132

Tax Parcel Number: 40 Tax Map Number: 103 Tax Account ID Number: 015575 01-002813, 01-

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ X no ☐ yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The current assessment was prepared on behalf of Duke Energy North America as part of cultural resources investigations to support the proposed construction of a power plant in southern Frederick County near Point of Rocks (Goodwin 2001). The assessment is based on previously existing documentation available at the Maryland Historical Trust confirmed by a reconnaissance survey of the property taken from the northern boundary of the Urciolo property. The farmstead is not visible from the public right of way.

The E. Michael House (F-1-144) and the surrounding property containing F-1-138 (Davis 1993) and F-1-087 originally comprise the Michael family land holdings. Andrew Michael patented the 340-acre property in 1768 (Coldham 1995-BC37/222). Archival evidence suggests that his original farmstead was located near Ballenger Creek Pike. A 1790 deed that recorded a boundary resurvey of "Cooley Springs" stated that the commissioners met at "Andrew Michael's house by the side of the road that formerly led from this neighborhood to Frederick Town" (Frederick County Land Records WR9:121). The only road through this area was Ballenger Creek Pike, so Andrew Michael's eighteenth-century farmstead probably was located on the western portion of the property.

Andrew Michael devised the property to his three sons. The entire parcel was reacquired by Andrew Michael (son) by 1833 (Frederick County Equity Case WIP1/148). In 1835, Andrew Michael was assessed with a log house in 1835 (Frederick County Tax Assessment 1835, MSA). After the death of Andrew Michael in 1851, the property was divided between Andrew's sons Henry S. Michael (F-1-087) and Ezra Michael (F-1-138 and F-1-144). Ezra Michael, the younger son, inherited

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Comments: <u>unable to evaluate based on the information provided</u>	
<u>Pamela M. Bruck</u> ✓	<u>6/19/02</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>R. Kuntz</u>	<u>7/19/02</u>
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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the northern 175-acres of the property identified in the will as the home farm of Andrew Michael. The home farm was being farmed by Henry S. Michael at the time the will was written in 1846 (Frederick County Wills TS1:160). Henry actually inherited the southern portion of the property where F-1-087 is located.

As recorded in Williams (1910:931), Marion Michael (b. 1852-d. 1937) stated that Ezra Michael improved his 175-acre inheritance, i.e., the home farm, by constructing a comfortable two-story frame dwelling. The house at F-1-144 probably was constructed ca. 1852. In 1866, Ezra Michael was assessed for two houses and two barns (FC Tax Assessment 1866). The 1873 Lake Atlas of Frederick County depicted two houses on the property.

By 1881, Ezra Michael had retired from farming and built a new house separate from the home farm, which Ezra devised to his wife Margaret for use until her death (FC Wills JPP2:207); this is the house identified as F-1-138. The will is worded to allow the wife access to the stable, milk house, meat house, and ice house located on the home farm bequeathed to Marion S. Michael (FC Wills JPP2:207). Ezra Michael died in 1886 and his wife Margaret died in 1897. After inheriting the property, Marion Michael remodeled the dwelling and constructed a bank barn and convenient outbuildings and was reported as residing there (Williams 1910:931). In 1927, Marion Michael sold the house at F-1-138 and 50 acres of property to his son Elmer C. Michael (Davis 1993). The main farm remained in the holdings of Marion Michael until his death in 1937, and descended through other family members.

An architectural survey conducted in 1982 (Weissman 1982) recorded the farm complex located at the end of a long lane. The farm complex comprised a farm house, barn, and modern outbuildings. The house was reported as being substantially modified through modernization. The large bank barn, constructed ca. 1890, was noted to be of architectural interest. Visibility from public right of way for this farm complex is not possible. It is located completely within its parcel and is not visible from Ballenger Creek Pike or Pleasant View Road. Views from the northern edge of the Urciolo property revealed that the barn remains extant. The house does indeed look to be completely remodeled. The other outbuildings seen from this distance appear to be less than fifty years of age.

Based on reconnaissance survey, it does not appear that the main house retains sufficient integrity to exemplify a farmhouse from the mid or late nineteenth century under National Register Criterion C. Modern construction materials have compromised the integrity of design, materials, and workmanship for the main house. The recent construction dates of most of the agricultural outbuildings do not illustrate the historic evolution of farming in this portion of southern Frederick County under National Register Criterion A. The bank barn may require additional research to document its construction date, but the complex as a whole entity does not retain sufficient integrity to exemplify an historic farmstead.

#### Bibliography

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Davis, Janet

1993 Ezra Michael House F-1-138 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form. Located at Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

Frederick County Records

Land records, wills, equity court cases, and tax assessments.

Goodwin, R. Christopher, & Associates, Inc.

June 2001 Architectural and Historical Investigations for the Proposed Duke Energy North America Facility on the Offutt Property, Frederick County, Maryland. Prepared by RCG&A, Inc., for Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., Tampa, Florida.

Nov. 2001 Supplemental Architectural and Historical Investigations for the Proposed Duke Energy Facility on the Vernon-Hines and Urciolo Properties, Frederick, Maryland. Prepared by RCG&A, Inc., for Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., Tampa, Florida.

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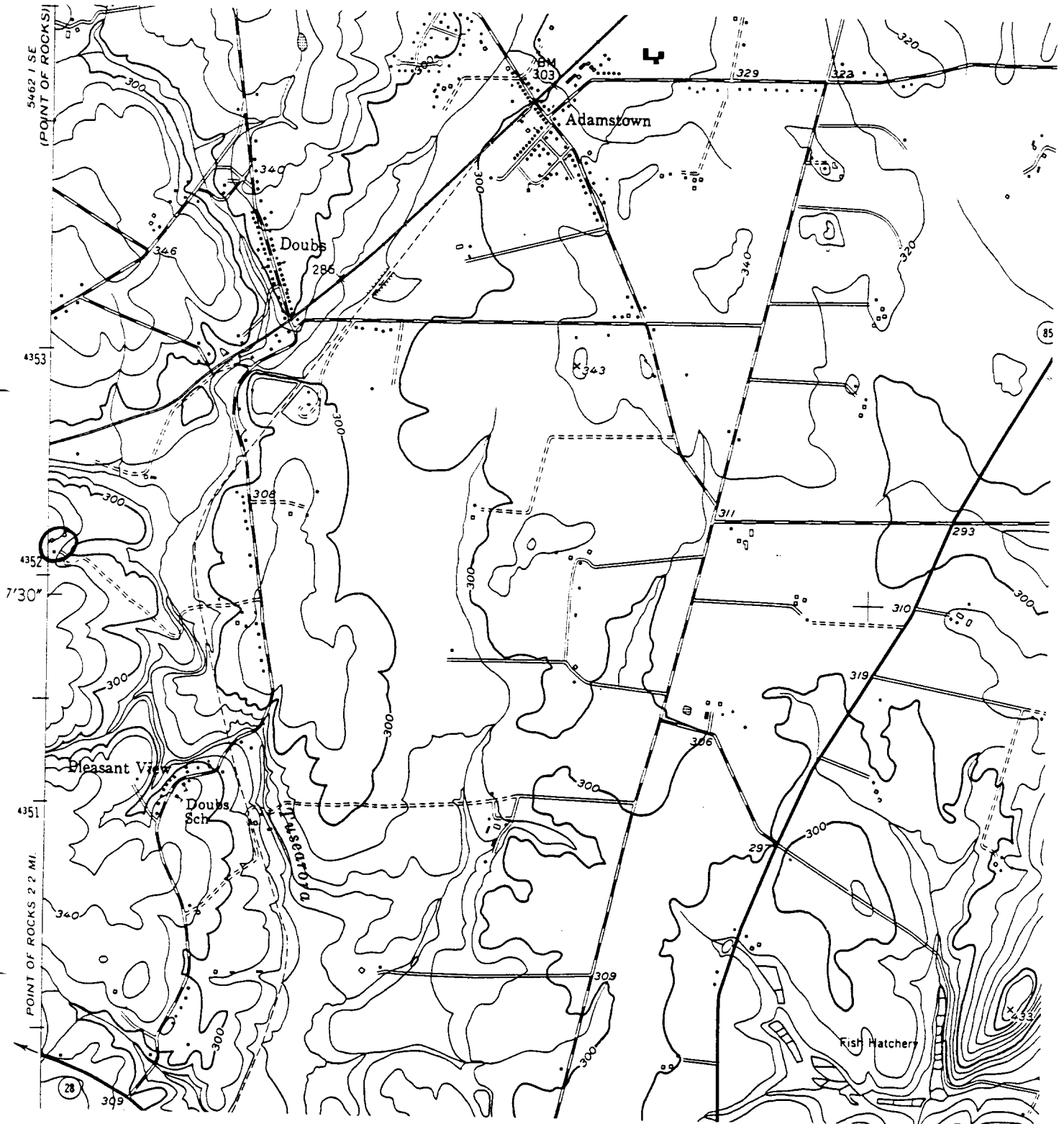
Weissman, Peggy.

1982 E. Michael Farm F-1-144 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form. Located at Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine and Brian Clevon,  
R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.

Date Prepared: March 2002

F-1-144  
 E. Michael Farm  
 Point of Rocks Vicinity  
 Frederick County, Maryland  
 Buckeystown USGS quadrangle map  
 Scale 1:24,000





F-1-1441

E. Michael House

Frederick Co, Md

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Overview, view N

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. F-1-144

Magi No.

DOE 1111445504  
yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic E. Michael Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number End of dirt road from west side of Pleasant View Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Doubs ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street &amp; number folio

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The E. Michael Farm is located at the end of a long dirt road from the west side of Pleasant View Road, south of Doubs in southern Frederick County. The complex contains a farmhouse, barn, and other outbuildings. The house, two stories high, gable roofed, and three bays wide, has been completely modernized on the exterior, with aluminum siding and new windows. This thorough modernization indicates that the interior may have also been altered. The large bank barn located to the northeast of the house, however, is of interest. It is built into a bank which slopes from west to east, with a forebay on the east elevation and doors on the west side.



## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Due to the complete exterior modernization of the house here, the E. Michael farm is now architecturally significant primarily for its large bank barn, a type of barn which is characteristic of much of Frederick County. This type of barn originated in Pennsylvania and reflects the influence of settlement from that area on much of the region.

The property also may hold local historical associations with the Michael family, early settlers in the area (Scharf, Vol. I, p. 567) and builders of several other nearby farms (F-1-87), (F-1-138), (F-1-150). This property is shown on the 1873 Lake atlas of Frederick County as that of E. Michael, but does not appear on the 1862 Bond atlas, indicating a possible construction date of ca. 1862-73.

This property is of local significance; it is not likely to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Survey No. F-1-144

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Baltimore, 1968.

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F I-144  
E. MICHAEL FARM

Pleasant View

Doubs Sch

Tuscarora

Fish Hatchery

Tuscarora

Forest Grove  
Cb

BALTIMORE  
CANAL AND  
POTOMAC  
Nolands Island  
MARYLAND  
VIRGINIA  
660 000 FEET  
OHIO  
RIVER